

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2427 - SB 2696**

February 9, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds a provision that in order to establish abandonment for the purpose of terminating parental rights, the parent or guardian must be shown to have had the *willful intent* to willfully fail to visit or willfully fail to support.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**MINIMAL**

This provision conforms to the Tennessee Supreme Court decision in Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. v. Swanson to make clear that failure by a parent to support or visit must be an intentional failure.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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